



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Superintendent of Schools

At its meeting held August 9, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"In May, the United States Administration for Children and Families conducted an on site review of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Head Start program. The results of that investigation revealed serious deficiencies in LACOE and in 28 of the 29 delegated agencies that LACOE contracts with to run the Federally-funded Head Start and Early Head Start Programs.

"The problems, which range from minor infractions to substantive non-compliance issues, revolve around health and safety concerns, program administration, communication and fiscal management. These issues have resulted in potential disallowed costs of \$13 million.

"These are serious deficiencies and LACOE must rectify some of them within 30 days and reach full compliance within 90 days or risk losing federal funding. Given the severity of this situation, action must be taken now to ensure that LACOE and the Head Start program stay on track properly serving the children in Los Angeles County."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich , seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Superintendent of Schools was directed to:

1. Provide the Board with a corrective action plan within seven days to address the issues raised by the United States Administration for Children and Families' review of the Los Angeles County Office of Education's (LACOE) Head Start and Early Head Start Programs including timelines and anticipated corrections; and
2. Provide weekly updates to the Board on LACOE's progress.

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